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VERSION OF AMENDMENTS WITH MARKINGS TO SHOW CHANGES MADE:

In the Claims:

Please cancel Claims 16-18 and 36-43.

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REMARKS

Applicants respectfully request further examination and reconsideration in view of the above amendment and the remarks set forth below. Prior to this amendment, Claims 1-43 were pending. In response to the Examiner's Restriction Requirement, the applicants elect, without traverse, Group I including Claims 1-15 and 19-35 for continued prosecution. By the above amendment, applicants have cancelled Claims 16-18 and 36-43 without prejudice. The applicants expressly reserve the right to continue prosecution on the cancelled Claims 16-18 and 36-43 in one or more Divisional Patent Applications claiming priority of the above captioned patent application.

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